

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: U S WEST COMMUNICATIONS, INC., n/k/a QWEST CORPORATION	DOCKET NO. INU-00-3
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ORDER EXTENDING DATE FOR FILING REPLY BRIEFS

(Issued October 23, 2000)

On February 11, 2000, U S WEST Communications, Inc., n/k/a Qwest Corporation (Qwest), filed a petition requesting a determination by the Utilities Board (Board) that the provision of local directory assistance (DA) services is subject to effective competition in Iowa and should be deregulated. Pursuant to 199 IAC 5.3(1), the Board initiated a formal notice and comment proceeding to address the request.

At the conclusion of the oral presentation, the Board set a briefing schedule of October 13, 2000, for the initial briefs and October 23, 2000, for reply briefs. On September 21, 2000, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice requested an extension of time to file the reply briefs, stating that meetings had been scheduled in Denver, Colorado, in another proceeding which conflicted with the date for filing the reply briefs.

The Board will grant the motion to extend the time for filing the reply briefs in this proceeding. The Board is aware of the other proceeding and the conflict with the date for filing briefs. The Board has already waived the 120-day requirement of

199 IAC 5.3(2)"b"(3) so this additional extension will not significantly affect the Board's consideration of the issues. The Board will extend the date for filing reply briefs in this case from October 23, 2000, to October 31, 2000.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The date for filing reply briefs is extended from October 23, 2000, to October 31, 2000.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 23rd day of October, 2000.